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CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION BASED ON
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In re Application of: Parviz Tayebati

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Title: ELECTRO-OPTICALLY TUNABLE EXTERNAL

CAVITY MIRROR FOR A NARROW LINEWIDTH

SEMICONDUCTOR LASER

Group Art Unit: 2881

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 3, please replace "Reference To Pending Prior Provisional Patent Applications" with -- Reference To Pending Prior Patent Application --.

At page 1, line 4, please delete lines 4-10 and replace them with the following new text: -- This is a continuation of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/532,529, filed 03/21/00 by Parviz Tayebati for ELECTRO-OPTICALLY TUNABLE EXTERNAL CAVITY MIRROR FOR A NARROW LINEWIDTH SEMICONDUCTOR LASER, which is in turn a continuation application of prior application Serial No. 08/726,049, filed 10/6/98 by Parviz Tayebati for ELECTRO-OPTICALLY TUNABLE EXTERNAL CAVITY MIRROR FOR A NARROW LINEWIDTH SEMICONDUCTOR LASER, which is in turn a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) of prior application Serial No. 08/726,049, filed 09/27/96 by Parviz Tayebati for ELECTRO-OPTICALLY TUNABLE EXTERNAL CAVITY MIRROR FOR A NARROW